

REMARKS

Claims 2-9 and 11-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 9 are cancelled.

We appreciate the Examiner's indication in the first office action of allowable subject matter in 7 of the 17 claims, subject to addressing Section 101 issues. The amendments presented in this paper follow the indication of allowable subject matter.

Based on the interview and the lack of any art rejections of the claims remaining in this case, we expect that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

In addition, we submit herewith revised drawings that correct the deficiencies identified in the office action. The corrected drawing sheets have been changed to correct shaded areas in Figs. 2, and 7-11.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request a further interview, if the Examiner sees any minor issues that could be addressed by an Examiner's amendment. The undersigned can ordinarily be reached at his office at (650) 712-0340 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. PST, Monday through Friday, and can be reached at his cell phone at (415) 902-6112 most other times.

Fee Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge underpayment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (MLSE 1070-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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